



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
8TH FIGHTER WING (PACAF)
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NEWCOMERS

FROM: 8 FW/CC

SUBJECT: 8FW Policy on Non-Command Sponsor Tours

1. As you prepare to PCS to Kunsan Air Base, I want you to review your entitlements and my policy in regards to your dependents. As a reminder, your assignment at Kunsan Air Base is a non-command sponsored tour and does not have the infrastructure or support facilities for family members. If you have dependents, you are entitled to either BAH (CONUS) or OHA (overseas) depending on where your dependents live while stationed at Kunsan. You do have the option to have your dependents live on the local economy near Kunsan Air Base, however, I discourage this choice.

2. If you chose to have your dependents live near Kunsan AB (Gunsan City), your family will receive OHA (with dependent rate) instead of BAH. OHA consists of reimbursement for actual rental and utilities expenses up to a certain cap based on your rank. Because your dependents are living in the area, you are not entitled to receive family separation allowance (FSA), and you are allowed to ship just 10% of your HHG limit. Additionally, if you elect to use a HHG shipment, you will not be entitled to an unaccompanied baggage shipment (see TMO for further details). Further, the government will not reimburse the cost of the airfare for your family to relocate overseas, and there are no DoD schools in the local area. Non-command sponsored dependents do retain entitlements to use the BX, Commissary, and medical care on an "as available" basis. However, due to the size and capacity of our medical clinic, you may need to purchase international medical insurance depending on your TRICARE membership. Finally, OHA does not entitle you to reside with your dependents off-base. Due to Kunsan's mission requirements, all members assigned to Kunsan are required to live in their assigned non-accompanied housing.

3. During your tour at Kunsan, your spouse and children are welcome to visit. There are local hotels available and in certain cases, they may stay on base in accordance with 8th Fighter Wing policy. For planning purposes, visitations will be a maximum of 45 days with no more than 30 of those days being consecutive. Specific details are found in 8FWI 32-6002. If you have any questions, please contact your sponsor or your unit's First Sergeant. Again, welcome to the home of the Wolf Pack! I look forward to serving alongside you!

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Commander

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